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East Hants General Government Grant Program

Rotary Club of Sackville and Area are applying for a General Government Grant of \$ 500.00 as a non-profit organization to help with our "Recycle Your Cycle" project. We are registered under Joint Stocks as a Society - non-profit; Registered Name - Rotary Club of Sackville and Area; Registration Number – 3257252; Address: P. O. Box 147, Lower Sackville, NS, B4C 2S8.

About "Recycle Your Cycle". This time last year our Rotary Club entered into partnership with Sportwheels, a family-owned sport business in our area since 1947, Junk-Works Halifax and The Salvation Army to create a bike giveaway program for families-in-need, immigrant and refugee families in local communities.

How it works. We asked the community to donate used bikes (trikes and scooters) for all ages and drop them off at Sportwheels during the months of April and May. Sportwheels cleans and fixes them up, supplying new parts where needed. The Salvation Army distributes them to families-in-need and Junk-Works ensures waste materials are picked-up, properly disposed of, including further recycling of parts where the opportunity exists.

The project was very successful; producing over 150 ride ready cycles. Our Club provided 100 new helmets to go with the bikes, storage for bicycles, pickup and drop off of bikes to Sportwheels and funding for PODs, helmets and other storage. The bicycles were distributed to local communities in our area including, Sackville, Fall River, Waverly, Bedford, Hammonds Plains, Beaverbank, etc. Mount Uniacke was the recipient of 33 bicycles.

100 bikes so far this year, have been collected and refurbished and there are another 50 or so which have to be examined, cleaned and refurbished. On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Club joined with Mount Uniacke Library to have a bike drop off. Attached is a copy of a fundraising letter for your perusal. The prices of helmets have considerably increased this year, but we are still hoping we can reach the goal of 100 new helmets. So far, we have 64. Thank you for your consideration.

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